GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT IN CRIMINAL LAWS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of deaths and grave injuries to innocent people as a result of rash and negligent driving;

(b) whether the Government have also taken note of strong resentment of common man about the manner in which such cases take long time in bringing to book and punish the guilty;

(c) whether the Government propose to amend this criminal laws and thereby providing for speedy and efficient investigation into such cases and amending such punishment as provide in culpable homicide;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which criminal laws are likely to be amended to the effect?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c), (d) and (e): Study and analysis of road accidents, implementation of various road safety measures and review of the criminal law relating thereto is a continuous and ongoing exercise. The Government has set up a Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. (Justice) V.S. Malimath, former Chief Justice of Kerala and Karnataka High Courts to consider measures to revamp Criminal Justice System of the Country. The Committee has the mandate to review the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and the Indian Penal Code,1860